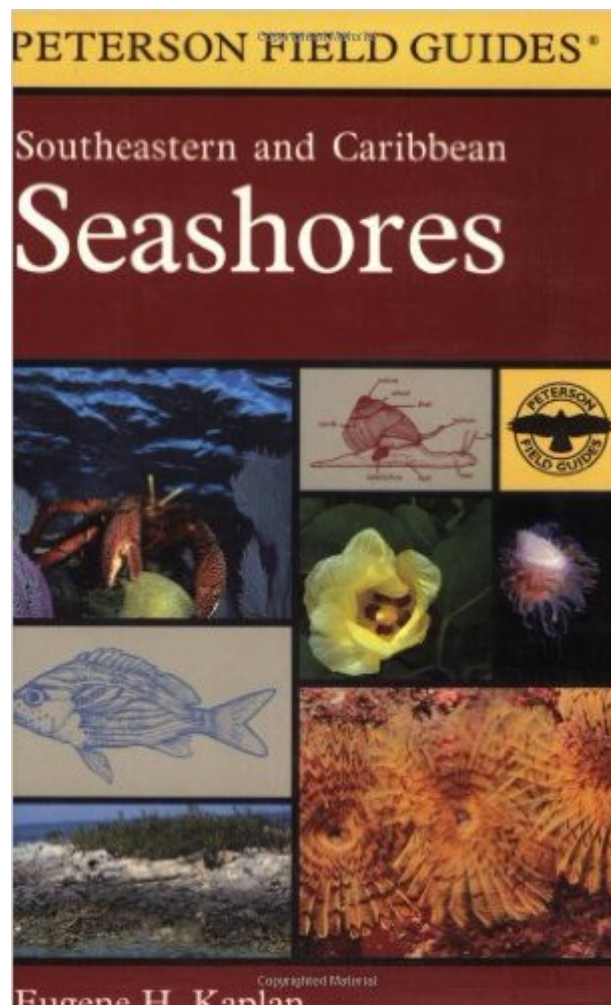


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# A Field Guide To Southeastern And Caribbean Seashores: Cape Hatteras To The Gulf Coast, Florida, And The Caribbean (Peterson Field Guides)



## Synopsis

With more than 750 illustrations, including 300 color photographs, this guide covers more than 1,000 species, such as shoreside plants, clams, shrimps, crabs, corals, seaweeds, sponges, and sea urchins, as well as all of the common seashore communities found from Cape Hatteras to the Gulf Coast, Florida, and the Caribbean.

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## Customer Reviews

Where Kaplan's "Coral Reefs" manages to take a difficult field guide topic and conquer it, "Southeastern and Caribbean Seashores" Takes an impossible task and muddles it. I don't know what the people at Peterson's Field Guides was thinking! The topic is far too broad to include in one book, and Kaplan seems to try and make it broader. He includes coral reefs and things distinctly NOT on the shore as well as including topics already in other field guides. I do NOT want to belittle Kaplan (whom I enjoy) or Peterson's (who I think makes the best mass consumption field guides available) but unless you really need it, I would stay away from this book. It does win points for its illustrations and Kaplan's knowledge and writing style.

I have taken Kaplan's field guide to seashores to Florida Keys, the Bahamas, the USVI, The BVI, Bonaire, Puerto Rico, Jamaica and Curacao, and have found the book to be indispensable. No matter which island, each seashore seemed familiar, and with a little judicious reading beforehand, I understood whatever natural phenomena I saw, from snorkelling in the shallows to walking the

rocky shore to crawling around the red mangrove roots. I would no sooner leave this field guide home when I go to the Caribbean or Florida, than leave home my Michelin Guide to Europe when I go there. I recommend the Field Guide to Seashores to all nature lovers and snorkelers who want to make the best of their trip to the the Caribbean or Florida.

This is an ideal book for beachcombers with an interest in natural history or for marine biology students on a Caribbean field trip. It is a bit more than your standard identification guide as it has substantial sections of natural history. Kaplan was the founder and director of the Hofstra University Marine Lab for many years and this book reflects his decades of fished experience and enthusiasm for teaching marine biology in the field.

This is one of the most detailed field guides I have ever owned. On my trip to St. John, USVI it was very useful and had interesting facts about many animals. The only complaint I have is that there was only a few pages of pictures in the center of the book, many of these not even in color. Not that I wanted a picture book, but it would have been nice to have more pictures of animals throughout the book to help identify species. Good guide overall, would recommend to anyone going to the Caribbean.

Exactly the book I was looking for! It's help a bunch in class is very complete and specific. Just what any aspiring veterinarian need.

This is a good field guide, but until now it old, and it has so much text

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